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SUBJ: PROTECTION OF U.S. PROPERTY IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF
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REF: A. NICOSIA 3486

B. STATE 291511

C. NICOSIA 1480

D. NICOSIA 2854

E. ANKARA 9156

F. ANKARA 9098

G. STATE 248646

H. STATE 276807

1. SUMMARY: TO DATE 255 AMCITS HAVE CONTACTED EMBASSY
REGARDING PRIVATE PROPERTY IN TURKISH CONTROLLED NORTH:
167 DOCUMENTED FILES HAVE BEEN PASSED TO TURKISH EMBASSY
AND THE "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS" (HENCEFORTH TFSC).
23 U.S. FIRMS KNOWN TO EMBASSY CLAIM OWNERSHIP
OR EQUITY INTEREST IN MOVEABLE/IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES IN
NORTH. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NONE HAS REGISTERED WITH TFSC.
MAJOR FACTOR IMPEDING PROGRESS ON REGISTRATION, AND ULTIMATELY ANY
CLAIMS PROCEDURE, IS TFSC POSITION ON STATUS OF PROPERTIES
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OWNED BY PERSONS OF ETHNIC GREEK ORIGIN. UNDER

PRESENT TFSC LAW ONLY PERSONS OR COMPANIES OF NON-GREEK ORIGIN ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER PROPERTY. EMBASSY MAKING FURTHER DEMARCHES DECEMBER 19-22 IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF TURKISH/TFSC ATTITUDE TOWARDS REGISTRATION, ACCESS, REMOVAL, AND INDEMNIFICATION INDICATES PROGRESS FOR PURPOSES OF GSP ELIGIBILITY (PER STATE 248646). PART IV OF PRESENT CABLE OUTLINES OUR STRATEGY AND PROVIDES UPDATE ON ACCESS, ETC. END SUMMARY.

II. PRIVATE PROPERTY:

1. BACKGROUND: FROM AUGUST 1974 EMBASSY ESTABLISHED LIST OF AMCITS CLAIMING OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY IN TURKISH CONTROLLED NORTH. PROPERTIES VARIED IN SIZE FROM SUITCASES TO LARGE FARMS AND EXPENSIVE PRIVATE DWELLINGS. CASES WERE IMMEDIATELY MADE KNOWN TO TFSC AND TURKISH EMBASSY AUTHORITIES. WHEN TFSC PUBLISHED FOREIGN PROPERTY REGISTRATION PROCEDURES IN JANUARY 1975, EMBASSY VOLUNTERED TO PROVIDE NORMAL PROTECTION ASSISTANCE; ADVISED ALL ITS AMCIT CORRESPONDENTS OF PROCEDURES; AND REQUESTED THEM TO PROVIDE EMBASSY PAPERS RELATING TO PROPERTY OWNERSHIP SUCH AS DEEDS, PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP, CONTRACTS, AND RECEIPTS.

2. PRESENT STATUS: EMBASSY MAINTAINS FILES ON 255 PRIVATE PROPERTY CASES IN VARIOUS STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT AND, WHERE REQUIRED, ADVISES PROPERTY OWNERS TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION. IT HAS SUBMITTED 167 CASE DOSSIERS TO TURKISH EMBASSY AND TFSC UNDER COVER LETTER REQUESTING PROTECTION. TFSC AND TURKISH EMBASSY CONTINUE TO ACCEPT PROTECTION REQUESTS AND CASE FILES. FIVE OUT OF 167 PRIVATE PROPERTY FILES SUBMITTED BY EMBASSY THUS FAR RELATE TO CASES WHICH HAD NOT BEEN BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF TFSC PRIOR TO DEADLINE OF JUNE 30, 1975. TFSC GENERALLY DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE IN WRITING RECEIPT OF EMBASSY PRIVATE PROPERTY FILES, REQUESTS TO VISIT PROPERTIES, OR REQUESTS TO RETURN MOVEABLES. IN CASES WHERE THERE ARE NOT APPARENT ETHNIC GREEK INTERESTS, TFSC CONTACTS PROPERTY OWNERS DIRECTLY REGARDING REGISTRATION.

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3. ETHNIC ORIGIN: CENTRAL TO DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF AMERICAN PROPERTY IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA ARE TWIN FACTS OF A) TFSC ATTITUDE TOWARDS PERSONS OF ETHNIC GREEK ORIGIN AND B) CONSEQUENT ELIGIBILITY UNDER TFSC LAW OF SUCH PERSONS TO REGISTER OWNERSHIP. UNDER PROVISION OF LONG-STANDING REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS LAWS, CITIZENS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHO ARE CYPRIOT ORIGIN

(THEY OR THEIR FATHERS HAVING BEEN BORN IN CYPRUS) ARE DEEMED "ALIEN NATIVES" AND ARE EXEMPT FROM REQUIREMENT TO SEEK OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO ACQUIRE OWNERSHIP OF LAND, WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR OTHER CITIZENS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THIS FACT HAS BEEN USED BY TFSC AS ARGUMENT TO JUSTIFY TREATING ETHNIC GREEK AMCITS AS CITIZENS OF REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND THEREFORE CATEGORIZEABLE BY TFSC AS "GREEK CYPRIOTS" (READ "FOREIGNERS" PER FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH). TFSC ARGUES THAT FATE OF "GREEK OWNED" PROPERTIES CAN ONLY BE NEGOTIATED AFTER POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. THEREFORE, ETHNIC GREEK PROPERTY OWNERS, REGARDLESS OF CITIZENSHIP CLAIMED, CAN NEITHER RESUME RESIDENCE IN NORTH (FOR SECURITY REASONS) NOR REGISTER THEIR CLAIMS FORMALLY WITH TFSC. 206 OF 255 PERSONS WITH WHOM EMBASSY HAS CORRESPONDED ON PROPERTY MATTERS APPEAR TO BE AMCITS OF ETHNIC GREEK ORIGIN OR REPRESENT SUCH PERSONS.

4. TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION HS RECENTLY BEEN CODIFIED BY "1975 FOREIGN IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES LAW", PASSED BY TFSC CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, OCTOBER 4, 1975. LAW VESTS IN TFSC MINISTRY OF FINANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTION, CONTROL, AND ADMINISTRATION OF IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES ABANDONED BY FOREIGNERS, THUS PROVIDING LEGAL SANCTION FOR ALLOCATION OF GREEK-OWNED PROPERTIES TO TURK CYPRIOTS. "FOREIGNERS" AS DEFINED IN THIS LAW ARE: "CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE TFSC OR MEMBERS OF TURKISH COMMUNITY AND WHO ARE CITIZENS OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION, PEOPLE OF

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CYPRIOT ORIGIN, COMPANIES, PARTNERSHIPS, FIRMS, RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL, CULTURAL OR OTHER SOCIETIES AND ESTABLISHMENTS OR ENTERPRISES SET UP PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY BY THESE (PERSONS) WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THEY ARE JURIDICAL PERSONS (COMPANIES)."

5. IMPORTANT LOOPHOLE: LAW RESERVES RIGHT OF TFSC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO INCLUDE OR EXEMPT FROM THE DEFINITION OF "FOREIGNER" CITIZENS OF ANY COUNTRY OR DESCENDENTS OF ANY NATION.

6. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TFSC "1975 FOREIGN IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES LAW" BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND ANKARA.

III. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

1. FOLLOWING ARE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY CASES SINCE NICOSIA 2856, SEPTEMBER 24, 1975 NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED:

A. CYPRUS MINES CORPORATION (CMC). SEE NICOSIA 3486.

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B. NCR CORPORATION:

REQUEST FOR PROTECTION OF \$136,752 WORTH OF NCR EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SUPPLIES WHICH WERE ALLEGEDLY UNLOADED AT FAMAGUSTA HARBOR HAS BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION BY TFSC SINCE JANUARY 1975. IN NOVEMBER TFSC REQUESTED FURTHER EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP FOR ONE CONSIGNMENT. NCR/CYPRUS IS REQUESTING INFO FROM NCR/USA.

C. SMITHS FOOD GROUPS (CYPRUS) LIMITED:

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY RECORDS, THERS IS ONE-THIRD US EQUITY INTEREST IN SMITH FOODS THROUGH THOMS FOODS (UK) WHICH IS A SUBSIDIARY OF GENERAL MILLS. IN NOVEMBER 1975, TWO TURKISH BUSINESSMEN CONTACTED EMBASSY THROUGH TFSC OFFICIAL FOR INFORMATION ON OWNERSHIP OF SMITHS FOODS AND POSSIBILITY OF JOINT VENTURE WITH FOREIGN OWNERS. BUSINESSMEN INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES MAY OFFER THEM LEASE ON SMITHS FOOD PLANT ON

FAMAGUSTA ROAD. EMBASSY REFERRED BUSINESSMEN TO GENERAL MILLS OFFICE IN MINNEAPOLIS AND ADVISED DEPARTMENT BY OM.

D. FMC CORPORATION:

REPRESENTATIVES OF FMC DIVISION, FOOD MACHINERY INTERNATIONAL, VISITED TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA VIA ERCAN AIRPORT AND SOUGHT PERMISSION FROM TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES TO INSPECT SPARE PARTS WHICH WERE REPORTEDLY STORED AT LOCAL AGENT'S WAREHOUSE IN FAMAGUSTA IN 1974. FMC REPRESENTATIVES INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT PERMISSION TO VISIT PROPERTY WAS DENIED, AND AS FAR AS EMBASSY IS AWARE REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT ATTEMPT TO VISIT LOCATION PRIVATELY.

2. FOR THE RECORD, SINCE SUMMER 1974, TFSC HAS REPLIED TO EMBASSY LETTERS CONCERNING PROTECTION IN FOUR COMMERCIAL CASES AS FOLLOWS:

A. FMC CORPORATION:

FOUR FLOVORSEAL APPLICATORS LEASED TO GREEK CYPRIOT CONCERNS HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN GOOD CONDITION IN TURKISH CONTROLLED
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AREA. CASE IS STILL OPEN PENDING FURTHER DOCUMENTATION OF TERMS OF FMC LEASE AGREEMENTS AND PENDING FMC REGISTRATION WITH TFSC. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH FMC REPRESENTATIVES, EMBOFF WAS TOLD FMC HAS NOT, AND DOES NOT INTEND TO, REGISTER WITH TFSC.

B. BLACK AND DECKER:

ADDING MACHINE ALLEGEDLY STORED AT EMPLOYEE'S HOUSE WAS NOT FOUND.

C. PAN AMERICAN AMUSEMENT INCORPORATED:

MACHINES VALUED AT \$6,500 COULD NOT BE LOCATED.

D. PFIZER HELLAS A.E.:

PHARMACEUTICALS WORTH \$26,307 WERE NOT LOCATED.

E. ESOO STANDARD (NEAR EAST) INCORPORATED:

DRUMS AND LUBRICANTS WERE NOT LOCATED. THIS REQUEST FOR PROTECTION WAS SUBMITTED BY COMPANY DIRECTLY TO TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES IN FEBRUARY 1975. IN CASES D, AND E, ABOVE, GOODS HAD BEEN ALLEGEDLY UNLOADED AND STORED IN FAMAGUSTA HARBOR. IN LETTERS

DATED APRIL 22, 1975 AND APRIL 28, 1975 TFSC REJECTED ANY LIABILITY FOR LOSSES WHICH IT ATTRIBUTED ENTIRELY TO "HOSTILITIES WHICH BROKE OUT WHEN GREEK CYPRIOT FORCES ATTACKED THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ENCLAVE ADJACENT TO FAMAGUSTA PORT AND... SET FIRE TO THE PORT AREA."

3. DEPARTMENT SHOULD ALSO NOTE ESSENTIAL POINTS OF LETTER FROM OWMAN N. OREK, "TFSC VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE," APRIL 26, 1975, IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR PROTECTION OF ASSETS OF ESSO STANDARD (NEAR EAST) AND MOBIL CYPRUS LIMITED (NICOSIA 1301). EXCERPTS FROM OREK LETTER FOLLOW:

(A) "WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO PROTECT THESE PETROL STATIONS FROM DAMAGE AND FROM DETERIORATION AND
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DEPRECIATION WHICH INEVITABLY RESULTS FROM PROLONGED NON-USE.

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WITH THIS IN MIND, THOSE WHICH REQUIRED ATTENTION HAVE OF

NECESSITY BEEN REPAIRED AND RESTORED AT THE STATE'S EXPENSE;
AND IF FEEL IT RIGHT AT THIS STAGE TO MENTION THAT THE
STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CLAIM REPAYMENT FOR THE
EXPENSES IT HAS INCURRED."

(B) "IT IS APPRECIATED THAT THE COMPANIES HELD LEASES IN
RESPECT OF THE VARIOUS PROPERTIES, OWNED IN MOST INSTANCES
BY GREEK CYPRIOTS--AND YOU WILL NO DOUBT APPRECIATE THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION OF ALL NON-RESIDENT GREEK PROPERTY AT THIS
STATE, RESTS IN THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE."

(C) "IF THE COMPANIES CLAIM TO OPERATE THESE STATIONS THEY
SHOULD HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE PROCEDURE OF REGISTRATION, WHEN
(SIC) WE WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THEM TO PAY THE RENTS TO THE
TURKISH FEDERATED STATE. MOREOVER, THEY SHOULD HAVE SUPPLIED
THESE STATIONS WITH NEEDED QUANTITIES OF PETROL. UNFORTUNATELY,
THEY FAILED TO DO SO ON BOTH COUNTS."

(D) "UNDER THE CIRCUMSATNCES WE CAN DO NOTHING MORE THAN TO SAY
THAT THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING THEIR OWNERSHIP IS GOING TO BE
STUDIED BY OUR APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND RECORDED ACCORDINGLY."

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4. NEITHER COMPANY, WE ARE TOLD, HAS CONTACTED TFSC DIRECTLY
CONCERNING PROPERTIES. MOBIL EXECUTIVE RECENTLY INFORMED EMBOFF
THAT PROPERTIES IN NORTH ARE "CONSIDERED LOST FOR ALL PRACTICAL
PURPOSES." HE DECLINED TO LABEL PROPERTIES AS "EXPROPRIATED", HOWEVER,
USING RATIONALE THAT MOBILE COULD PERHAPS REGAIN PROPERTIES
BY REGISTERING WITH TFSC. MOBIL REPRESENTATIVE STATED
HE HAS NEVER FORMALLY REQUESTED PERMISSION TO INSPECT
PROPERTIES, BUT HAS ADMITTED HE HAS VISITED SELECTED
SITES, ACCOMPANIED BY TURKISH CYPRIOT EMPLOYEE, WITHOUT
KNOWLEDGE OF AUTHORITIES.

5. TWO U.S. FIRMS, HOBART CORPORATION OF TROY, OHIO, AND AJ
SIRIS PRODUCTS CORPORATION, PASSED TO EMBASSY COPIES OF
SOME FO THEIR CORRESPONDENCE WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES
REGARDING THEIR CLAIMS EARLIER THIS YEAR. NEITHER COMPANY
HAS SOUGHT DIRECT EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. LOCAL AGENT OF HOBART
CORPORATION RECENTLY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT TFSC HAS APPARENTLY
NOT LOCATED THREE FOOD COPPERS VALUED AT \$1,000 WHICH WERE
ALLEGEDLY STORED IN FAMGUSTA HARBOR AREA. EMBASSY HAS NOT
INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF AJ SIRIS PRODUCTS CORP.
CASE.

6. ADDITIONAL 12 COMMERCIAL CASES NOT DISCUSSES IN THIS CABLE
ARE CONSIDERED "OPEN" PENDING RESPONSE FROM TFSC.
EMBASSY WILL SUBMITT SOONEST CUMULATIVE LIST OF ALL 23 COMMERCIAL
CASES SHOWING CYPRUS ADDRESS AND U.S. OR AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION.

IV. HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS FOR PURPOSES OF GSP
ELIGIBILITY?

1. EMBASSY ABILITY TO TEST POSSIBLE MODIFICATION IN
TURKISH/TFSC ATTITUDE ON ACCESS TO, RESTORATION OF
AND EVENTUAL INDEMNIFICATION FOR FOREIGN PROPERTIES
HAS BEEN HAMPERED RECENTLY BY THREE FACTORS. FOLLOW-
ING ASSASSINATION OF TURKISH AMBASSADORS IN VIENNA AND
PARIS OCTOBER 24 AND 28, TRAVEL BY DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL
IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA HAS BEEN TO SUBJECT TO FURTHER
CURTAILMENT. SECOND, HIGH LEVEL TFSC OFFICIAL BUSINESS
SLOWED GREATLY DURING 48 DAY ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY
(OCTOBER 12 - NOVEMBER 28) OF "TFSC PRESIDENT" RAUF
DENKTASH, WITHOUT WHOSE PRESENCE NO POLICY CHANGE ON
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PROPERTY QUESTION WOULD TAKE PLACE. FINALLY, TFSC
PROPERTY LAS OF OCTOBER 4, WHICH WE HAD BEEN AWAITING
FOR MONTHS, ONLY RECENTLY BACAME ABAILALBE TO US.
ENGLISH TRANSLATION HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

2. DCM HAS APPOINTMENT DECEMBER 19 WITH TURKISH EMBASSY
COUNTERPART TO RAISE AGAIN QUESTION OF U.S. PROPERTY IN
NORTH AND WILL REFER TO PLEDGES MADE BY FONMIN DIRECTOR
FOR PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR CYPRUS TUNCBILEK (ANKARA 9156
AND 9098). AT THAT TIME WE PLAN SUBMIT SUMMARY LISTING
OF PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES INDENTIFIED TO DATE,
HIGHLIGHTING THOSE ON WHICH WE THINK SOME PROGRESS ON
ACCESS OR REMOVAL COULD (ASSUMING TFSC COOPERATION) BE
MADE IMMEDIATELY ALONG LINES DIRECTED BY PARA 8 STATE
248646. WE WILL REQUEST TURKISH EMBASSY TO
FACILITATE OUR PARALLEL APPROACH TO TFSC "VICE
PRESIDENT" OSMAN OREK DECEMBER 22. FOLLOWING THESE
MEETINGS, WE SHOULD HAVE BETTER IDEA OF WHAT ROOM THERE
IS FOR PROGRESS WHICH MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO CIEP WORKING
GROUP. COMMENTS WHICH FOLLOW HEREWITH ARE FOR WORKING
GROUP'S IMMEDIATE INFORMATION AS INDICATION OF STATUS QUO.

3. CONSULAR ACCESS (PARA 5A STATE 248646): OVER PAST
YEAR, EMBOFFS HAVE MADE REPEATED WRITTEN AND ORAL
REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO U.S. PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL
PROPERTIES. TFSC RESPONSES, WHICH ARE NOT MADE IN
WRITING ARE OFTEN SLOW IN COMING. WHEN TFSC GRANTS
PERMISSION TO VISIT SPECIFIC PLACE, TURKISH MILITARY
OCCASIONALLY REVERSE PERMISSION ON SPOT AND DENY
ACCESS. REQUESTS FOR PERMISSION TO VISIT CERTAIN AREAS
LIKE MESAORIA VILLAGES, MORPHOU AND FAMAGUSTA ARE STILL
DENIED ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, JUSTIFICATION BEING
"MILITARY RESTRICTIONS" OR "LACK OF EMBASSY NEED TO

VISIT PROPERTY", I.E. PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ETHNIC GREEK.
TRAVEL IN KYRENIA AREA IS QUITE EASY. VISITS TO AMCITS
IN KARPAS PENINSULA ARE STILL MADE WITH TFSC EXCORT AND
CAREFUL CONTROL. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE MADE DISCREET
CHECKS ON SELECTED PROPERTIES DURING "TOURISTIC TRIPS",
SOMETIMES IN MILITARY RESTRICTED AREAS, BUT THESE HAVE
BEEN DONE WITHOUT SPECIFIC PERMISSION FROM OR KNOWLEDGE
OF TFSC.

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4. REMOVAL OF PROPERTY (PARA 5B, STATE 248646): GIVEN
FACT THAT MAJOR COMPLICATION TO PROPERTY REMOVAL IS
ETHNIC ORIGIN OF OWNER, WE CAN REPORT LITTLE INFORMATION
INDICATIVE OF PROGRESS. ESTIMATED 15 AMCITS WHO HAVE
COMPLETED REGISTRATION WITH TFSC ARE ALL NON-GREEK ORIGIN.
SOME HAVE MANAGED TO GAIN ACCESS
TO PROPERTIES AND REMOVE MOVEABLES AFTER PERSISTENT
INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS WITH TFSC AUTHORITIES. THREE AMCITS
RESIDING IN KYRENIA AREA HAVE REGISTERED WITH TFSC AND
ENJOY CONTINUED FREE ACCESS TO HOMES AS LONG AS THEY DO
NOT ATTEMPT TO TRAVEL INTO GOC CONTROLLED AREA. ONE
AMCIT (NON-ETHNIC GREEK) WHO COMPLETED REGISTRATION HAS
BEEN DENIED PERMISSION REOCCUPY HOME IN FAMAGUSTA ON
GROUNDS THAT PROPERTY IS IN MILITARY AREA. HOWEVER,

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VAST MAJORITY OF PRIVATE AMCITS PROPERTY OWNERS ARE OF
ETHNIC GREEK ORIGIN, ARE EXDLUDED FROM TFSC REGISTRA-
TION, AND HENCE UNDER PRESENT PRACTICE CANNOT VISIT PROPERTY OR
COLLECT MOVEABLES.

5. RELAXATION OF REGISTRATION (PARA 5C STATE 248646): ON
NOVEMBER 29, 1975, CONSULAR OFFICER DISCUSSED RELAXATION
OF REGISTRATION PROCEDURES WITH TFSC OFFICIAL IN CHARGE
OF PROPERTY REGISTRATION. OFFICIAL STATED THAT NO REGISTRA-
TION REQUEST AFTER JUNE 30, 1975 DEADLINE WOULD BE "OFFICIALLY
RECEIVED". HOWEVER, TFSC STILL ACCEPTS OUR CASE
DOSSIERS WITHOUT COMMENT AND IN THIS SENSE WE CAN SAY THERE
IS SOME INCREASED TOLERANCE. PURPOSE OF TFSC REGISTRATION
PROCEDURES AS ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY 1975 WAS TO LAY BASIS
FOR REMOVAL OF PROPERTIES "IN CONDITION IN WHICH THEY ARE
NOW (E.G. AS OF JANUARY 28, 1975) FOUND." CRUX OF MATTER
REMAINS, HOWEVER, INABILITY OF ETHNIC GREEK AMCITS TO
REGISTER.

6. RESTORATION OF PROPERTY (PARA 5D STATE 248646): COMMENTS
REGARDING STATUS OF ETHNIC GREEK AMCITS APPLY.

7. EQUITALBE PROCEDURES (PARA 5E STATE 248646): QUESTION
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OF ETHNIC GREEK AMCIT INELIGIBILITY ASIDE, TFSC ACCEPTS IN
PRINCIPLE OBLIGATION TO PAY COMPENSATION FOR FOREIGN (NON-
GREEK) PROPERTY. HOWEVER, HE AND OTHER TFSC OFFICIALS INSIST SUCH
COMPENSATION MUST AWAIT AN ULTIMATE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO
CYPRUS PROBLEM.
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